



## **Brownfields 2011 Cleanup Grant Fact Sheet**

### ***Lancaster Port Authority, OH***

#### **EPA Brownfields Program**

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

#### **Community Description**

The Lancaster Port Authority was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in rural central Ohio, Lancaster (population 55,707) was once a center for glass manufacturing. As large factories began to locate within city limits, neighborhoods grew around them. Today, these idled industrial sites are eyesores in the community and fail to generate property and income tax revenues. Residents of these neighborhoods are potentially exposed to environmental risks. The city's unemployment rate is 10.3 percent, and the median household income is about \$10,000 less than the national median. The cleanup site is in southeast Lancaster, where the population consists primarily of low-to-moderate income residents. Cleanup of the target site will reduce health and safety risks, remove blight, and increase property values in the area. The Port Authority intends to offer the site for industrial or commercial redevelopment.

#### **Cleanup Grant**

##### ***\$200,000 for hazardous substances***

EPA has selected the Lancaster Port Authority for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the 5.1-acre former Frick-Gallagher property at 330 South Ewing Street. Primarily used for the manufacture of carbon batteries, the site also was used as a metal plating facility. Site soil is contaminated with volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds, metals, and PCBs, and site groundwater is contaminated with trichloroethylene. Grant funds will be used to remove and properly dispose of impacted soils.

#### **Contacts**

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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